

## House Resolution No. 816

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, born on March 13, 1918, as the son of Thomas and Fern Smith and the brother of Willard Smith, Arthur R. "Art" Smith will celebrate his Ninetieth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at the Oakville Democratic Organization on March 5, 2008; and

**Whereas**, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Art Smith established a family of his own through his joyful marriage on September 30, 1944, to the former Helen J. Koller who loved and cherished him with all of her heart; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Art and Helen Smith has been blessed with wonderful children, Randy and Beccy Smith, Keith and Sheron Smith, and Steven Smith, and five grandchildren, Katie, Steve, Annie, Jessica, and Jake; and

**Whereas**, after serving in the South Pacific in World War II and after thirty-two years of service with the Veterans Administration, Art Smith retired in 1978 as a Fiscal Officer at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital; and

**Whereas**, Art Smith is a founding member of the Oakville Democratic Organization, which he has served as treasurer; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, Art Smith previously earned the Thomas Eagleton Grassroots Award in cooperation with his wife; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Art Smith enjoys a life that encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Art Smith:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninetieth Birthday of Art Smith and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Arthur R. "Art" Smith.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sue Schoemehl  
District No. 100

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 816, adopted February 26, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker